

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Zinke, on March 30, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Ryan Zinke, Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Bob Lake (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present: Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch
Gilda Clancy, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 13, 3/29/2011

Executive Action: SB 425; SR 13

00:00:42 Chairman Zinke

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 425

00:01:16 Chairman Zinke

00:01:42 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 425 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

HEARING ON SR 13

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:35 Sen. Ryan Zinke (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SR 13, Confirm certain Governor appointees to Boards of Regents and Public Education.

Board of Education Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:21 Patti Keebler, Governor's Office

[EXHIBIT\(eds71a01\)](#)

00:04:01 Steve Meloy, Executive Secretary, Public Board of Education

[EXHIBIT\(eds71a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:27 Sen. Lake

00:10:16 Steve Meloy, Public Board of Education

00:11:02 Sen. Lake

00:11:27 Steve Meloy

00:13:04 Sen. Branae

00:13:38 Sen. Brown

00:14:09 Patti Keebler, Governor's Office

00:15:25 Sen. Brown

00:15:43 Patti Keebler

00:16:07 Sen. Brown

00:16:24 Sen. Facey

00:16:54 Sen. Hawks

00:17:34 Sen. Ripley

00:17:47 Patti Keebler

Board of Regents Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:37 Patti Keebler, Governor's Office
00:19:10 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education
EXHIBIT(eds71a03)
00:23:10 Steve Meloy, Public Board of Education
00:23:36 Joyce Silverthorne, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:13 Sen. Brown
00:24:49 Patti Keebler, Governor's Office
00:25:04 Sen. Brown
00:25:22 Patti Keebler
00:25:35 Chairman Zinke

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 13

00:26:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hawks moved that **SR 13 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:29 A.M.

Gilda Clancy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds71aad.pdf](#))